

Prayer Requests

- Pray for Ted and Julie Smoker and their family as they minister to the people of Guatemala.
- Pray for our Pastoral Search Committee as they continue their work of finding a new full-time pastor for our congregation.
- Pray for Ohio Conference as they guide and lead the congregations in our area.
- Pray for those who are recovering from recent hurricanes, earthquakes, floods, fires, and other natural disasters.



Happy Birthday!



Keep these people in your prayers as they celebrate another year of life!

Contact the church office for a list of upcoming birthdays

Service Notes



Friendship Mennonite Church

November 26, 2017

Welcome
Opening Song
Call to Worship
Songs of Praise
Scripture Reading: Acts 10:30-35
Sermon: *"No Favorites"* Brother Dan
Responding Song
Missions Sharing and Offering
Congregational Sharing and Prayer
Offering and Penny Power Offering
Announcements
Sending Song

Visiting this week?

Welcome to Friendship Mennonite Church!

We are so glad you've joined us for worship! We hope you find a place to belong and consider joining us in God's mission. We are looking for people to join us who are interested in learning more about Jesus, becoming a disciple and finding out God's purpose in life!

Announcements

- **Church Membership Class!** What does it mean to be a Mennonite Anabaptist Christian and a member at FMC? How can I get to know other attenders better? If you've been worshipping here for years, or are just exploring faith, you are welcome! Please see Brother Dan or Cara Speros if you are interested in learning more about this class, which will begin soon. Thank you!
- **Missions Month continues today!** Each November at FMC, we focus on Missions in our community and around the world. Join us each week as we learn about various ministries that are supported by our congregation. Each week will also feature an additional offering, designated towards these ministries. Offerings will be divided between Ohio Conference, Mennonite Mission Network, and Mennonite Central Committee, as well as the People of Peru, L'Arche Cleveland, and Ted and Julie Smoker and family.
- **Advent Jam Session** You are invited to join us for a jam session here at the church on Saturday, December 2 at 5:30 pm. We will decorate the church for Advent and share music together.
- **FMC Food Pantry** Donations are still being accepted for the FMC Food Pantry. Please bring in non-perishable items with an expiration date of at least 1-2 years out. The items needed are: canned tuna, peanut butter, soups, canned vegetables, pasta and pasta sauce. All non-perishable items are welcome. Please see Angela Thornton for more information.
- **Advent Sunday School** Join us for the Sunday School hour during the Advent Season as we gather for an intergenerational time of sharing. We will meet each week in the sanctuary at 9:30. Also make plans to join us on December 17 as the children and youth share a Christmas program with us!
- **Additional Giving for last Sunday:** Missions Month Offering: \$624.00; MAMA Project: \$140.00; MCC Meat Canner: \$40.00; Meals on Wheels: \$20.00.

Serving Our Church Today

Worship Leader: Ryan Hurley

Song Leader: Rhonda Savage

Piano: Lauren Hurley

Usher: Jonathan Hartzler

Sunday School Nursery: Todd Miller

Greeter: Mary Wright

Worship Nursery: Mary Wright

A/V Team: Ben Speros

Sunday Building Trustee: Hartzler Family

Serving Next Sunday

Worship Leader: Cara Speros

Song Leader: Jonathan Witmer-Rich

Usher: Chris Savage

Greeter: Rudy Coblentz

SS Nursery: Mary Wright

Worship Nursery: Angela Thornton

A/V Team: Ben Yoder

Sunday Building Trustee: Rudy Coblentz

Looking Ahead

Saturday, December 2

Advent Jam Session 5:30 pm

Sunday, December 3

Advent Sunday School 9:30 am

Sunday, December 10

Advent Sunday School 9:30 am

Sunday, December 17

Christmas Breakfast 9:30 am

Christmas Program 10:45 am

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve Morning Worship 10:45 am

Giving for Last Sunday

Church Offering:
\$1664.00

Weekly Budget:
\$1463.00

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In addition to print resources, however, they also provide tangible services which get reflected back to our congregation-- including a regional pastor, Ralph Reinford, who provides prayer and direct support to our pastors and congregations. This year, Pastor Reinford has been working directly with our Pastoral Search Committee as we work to find a new pastor at FMC.

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Mennonite Mission Network MMN, which is part of Mennonite Church USA, helps Mennonites extend their witness around the world and in local neighborhoods. MMN publishes the Beyond Ourselves Newsletter we receive in our mailboxes, and you can friend them on Facebook.

When we give to MMN, we support not just international mission workers, but also Third Way Media, US church planting, the Peace and Justice Support Network, and US staff. Interested in MMN? Visit their website for more information on how you can support MMN, through service, giving, and prayer.

Mennonite Central Committee

We know MCC's mission work primarily through our Penny Power Offering (now called "My Coins Count"), which is the last Sunday of every month. MCC uses our Penny Power offering to help people dig wells, solve political conflicts surrounding water, and implement good irrigation practices to ensure the poor and politically marginalized have access to safe, clean water. Villages that MCC has helped report fewer cases of diarrhea and child deaths once the water projects have been completed.

MCC's mission can be summed up on their web page, "Relief, development, and peace in the name of Christ." MCC does so much more than water projects; aiding people around the world with building peace, food and water access (including meat canning!), helping youth get an education, health and HIV initiatives, and emergency disaster relief abroad and in the US. Find out additional ways to help by ordering a gift through the MCC Gift Catalog (available in the library) as well as on their website: www.mcc.org, or follow them on Facebook or Twitter.

The people of Peru Sheri Banks has committed many months in recent years to serving the people of Peru. Part of the year she and her husband Gary Banks live in Peru, travelling, serving, translating, working with medical teams and making connections for people of faith. She is connected with both an Anglican missionary church and a non-denominational congregation in Peru that are involved in missions and charitable activities. Funds contributed to this mission have been used by Sheri to address immediate needs of people that she encounters in her relief work.

L'Arche Cleveland L'Arche Cleveland is a community of faith that seeks to respond to the needs of those who are too often rejected and give them a valid place in society by building homes with and for people who have developmental disabilities. L'Arche Cleveland was founded in 1975 and operates four homes: one in Cleveland Heights, one in Maple Heights, and two in Cleveland.

Ted and Julie Smoker Ted and Julie Smoker, along with their children Abby, Jacob, Nathan, Esther, and Luciana serve through business and agricultural development in Guatemala with Eastern Mennonite Missions (EMM). They work directly with indigenous Kekchi coffee farmers, hoping to improve their wages and break the longstanding cycle of discrimination toward the Kekchi people. The Smoker family attended FMC from 2006-2008.

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